

# Vision to Goal Setting: *Community of Learners Brainstorm*

## Activity Process:

### Materials Needed:

- Post-it Notes™
- Whiteboard/chart paper

### Rationale:

These activities will provide multiple stakeholders with the opportunity to reflect on the strengths of our school and share their perspectives with the Core Team.

### Activity 1 (with staff):

*(15 min. approx.)*

Meet with staff and pose the following question:

- What elements and features do you think make our school great?

Have teachers place their responses on sticky notes to post and collect.

### Activity 2 (with students):

Visit classes and ask students the following question:

- Why do you think our school is great? or Why do you like coming to this school?

### Activity 3 (with parents):

Elicit input from parents at a meeting or event on what elements or features make our school great.

### Post-Activity Reflection:

Look at the responses with your Core Team and categorize the information. This could be done in many ways including the use of the school district's four pillars (assessment, instruction, curriculum, social emotional learning), or categorizing common themes that may begin to appear.



**Big Idea:** The purpose of this exercise is to identify shared beliefs, values, and key elements of a 'good school'.

### Guiding Questions:

- Why do you think our school is great?
- Why do you like coming to school?
- What is worthwhile in our school?